



VA Western New York Healthcare System

Department of Veteran's Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency Program

VALOR PROGRAM

The Pharmacy VALOR program provides paid internship opportunities for outstanding students who have completed their P3 year to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic or classroom experiences, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacist preceptor, and participation in pharmacy practice conferences. Appointment as a VALOR student will be from 3 to 12 months. Students may be appointed on a full or part-time basis during the summer months and may continue during their final academic year on a part-time basis. The aggregate hours that a student may be funded while in the program is 800 hours. VALOR students who receive their Pharm.D. Degree may be hired by the Department of Veteran's Affairs at a salary rate above the minimum, based on superior qualifications such as documented outstanding performance in the VALOR program and/or number of hours completed as a VALOR participant

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; ***Note:** The GPA must be computed on professional training in the School or College of Pharmacy, or for work accepted for credit towards the pharmacy degree. While a student may have a grade below "B" in a pharmacy course, the cumulative GPA for the core pharmacy courses may not be less than a 3.0. Only data on official transcripts will be used to determine grade qualifications.*
- Be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a Pharmacy VALOR student in a VA facility
- Be a United States citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the Pharmacy VALOR program.
- ***NOTE:** Students with a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships are ineligible for the Pharmacy VALOR Program.*

REQUIREMENTS

Submit a Curriculum Vitae and letter of intent describing previous pharmacy-related employment/experiences and personal goals for participation in the VALOR Program.

Submit a letter from the Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy to the Chief, Pharmacy Services of the chosen VA Healthcare Facility. ***Note:** The letter should include the following: a nomination of the student to the program; verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education (minimally fourth year of college education) by May/June 2010; current GPA in Pharmacy professional training in the School or College of Pharmacy, or for work accepted for credit towards the pharmacy degree and anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.*

Upon notification of selection as a VALOR student by the local VA Healthcare Facility, the candidate will need to submit an Application for Federal Employment, to the VA Western New York Healthcare Facility and must confirm acceptance so that the employment process may be initiated.

DEADLINE 2010: March 1, 2010

Questions concerning the program may be directed to the individual listed below.
Applications (CV and Letter of Intent) may be submitted via Email to Dr. Fucile

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